चैनल-II पर बंगाली कार्यक्रमों का प्रसारण

119. **श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कलकत्ता दूरदर्शन से द्वितीय चैनल पर प्रसारित होने वाले बंगाली कार्यक्रमों की निर्धारित समय सीमा में परिवर्तन किए गए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि द्वितीय चैनल पर मेट्रो चैनल का वर्चस्व लगातार बढ़ने के परिणामस्वरूप वहां की प्रादेशिक भाषा और संस्कृति लगातार उपेक्षित होती जा रही है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। ये परिवर्तन अपनी पूर्व-प्रतिष्ठा बनाए रखने के अलावा विशाल दर्शक-समूह की आवश्यकता पूर्ति हेतु 1 फरवरी, 1994 से दूरदर्शन द्वारा इसके छह चैनलों में की गई कार्यक्रम संबंधी चैनल व्यवस्था का अंग है क्योंकि देश में विदेशी सैटेलाइट चैनल सिग्नलों की बढ़ती उपलब्धता के बावजूद देश के असंख्य दर्शक इस नेटवर्क को देखते हैं।

(ग) जी, नहीं। दूरदर्शन द्वारा इसके चैनलों पर दिखाए जा रहे क्षेत्रीय कार्यक्रमों की संख्या में अत्यधिक वृद्धि हुई है।

Pernicious Use of Telecommunicatons Facilities

120. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deleterious effect on the young minds of the display of pornography and violence from satellite and cable telvision channels;

(b) the steps contemplated to prevent or restrain such pernicious use of telecommunications facilities; and

(c) whether measures adopted by the People's Republic of China and Singapore are being studied in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government is aware that the programming on a number of foreign television channels are considered by many as being alien to Indian culture and life-style.

(b) While the contents of the programmes of foreign television channels do not come within the ambit of the regulations of the Government of India, regulation of the exposure of young minds to cable television, can only be undertaken by their parents/ guardians.

(c) Government has taken note of these measures.

Improving the Quality of Programmes on Doordarshan

121. **SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the deteriorating standard of the programmes being telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what improvements are likely to be effected by Government in the different programmes being telecast on "DD Metro Channel";

(c) whether it is a fact that the merits of the serials is overlooked at the time of their selection; and

(d) what criteria are likely to be adopted for selection of good serials and other programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Doordarshan's effort to improve and strengthen the programming is a constant one, including the Metro Channel.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Selection of serials/programmes is made on the basis of their overall suitability and programme